

Unconditional Release Waiver for Marble/Dolomite in Kitchen/Bar/Utility Space Application

I.V. Granite & Marble Inc. is a proud partner of the Natural Stone Industry. Part of our role is understanding the product and implementing proper techniques and approved applications. As such, it has been well documented and understood that Natural stone marble, travertine, limestone, and soapstone are not suitable in a kitchen, bar or utility space environment. These environments generally share characteristics such as but not limited to; the use of knives and other sharp tools/utensils; the use of acidic and color concentrated materials such as lemons, beats, carrots, oranges, food coloring; the use of appliances emitting heat that reaches 200 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; the use and storage of chemical compounds and cleaning agents such as laundry detergent, drain cleaners, solvents, glues etc.

Marble, Dolomite, travertine, limestone and soapstone are soft, porous, and generally more susceptible to damage. They lack density, and scratch easily. Despite sealing these stones, they will continue to absorb and show signs of staining. Marbles/Dolomites (particularly white tones) will discolor due to heat exposure such as next to a stove, spilling red wine or chopping beats and carrots will likely result in staining. Stone can snap/pop if ambient temperature changes quickly from Cold to hot or vice versa. Cutting/chopping directly on the countertop will scratch the surface. Dropping a cup or snagging the edge while putting away a pot/pan can chip the edge. The edge around the sink will likely show wear very quickly from soap, water, plates banging against it etc. Chemicals such as windex, detergent, drano, colorful scented dish soap, hand soap will leave rings around the soap dispenser if not wiped down consistently.

I.V. Granite & Marble Inc. in partnership with the Natural Stone Industry advise against using natural stone marble, dolomite, travertine, limestone, and soapstone in kitchens/bars/utility spaces due to the reasons as described above. As a result I.V. Granite and Marble Inc. **does not** warranty the installation. In addition, the consumer is also advised that the distributor of the material does not warranty the product.

It is important for a consumer to investigate the information and determine what conclusion best fits their needs and wants. By installing natural stone marble, dolomite, travertine, limestone and soapstone in kitchens/bars/utility spaces the consumer forfeits any and all warranty claims as would otherwise be processed and investigated in the 1 Year Installation Warranty Guidelines. Please refer to the 1 Year Installation Warranty Guideline for information on the warranty requirements and limitations.

It is possible that you will not experience any of these issues if proper care is maintained. I.V. Granite & Marble Inc. cannot presume to know the lifestyle and function of any client, thus it is our duty as a business of integrity to inform and forewarn the client of potential issues, risk and otherwise cons to the material selected for designated location. This letter is not meant to in any way cause alarm, or dramatize the subject matter. Most manufacturers/distributors have disclaimers online (in small print) that would benefit the client to read them in full. The Marble Institute of America is also a helpful source for information, as well as 'reputable' blogs and forums which discuss such topics in a real-life setting. We highly encourage all clients to be well educated in the products they select.

By signing below, you hereby agree to the terms as described.

Contractor

Date

Home Owner / Representative

Date